The maximum loan amount in the case of land mortgage banks.

* 235 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in some of the rural cooperative societies Rs. 2,000 is the present limit of individual member's borrowing capacity;

(b) whether this aspect was considered in fixing the maximum loan amount as Rs. 1,000 in the case of the proposed land mortgage banks; and (c) what the special feature of the new land mortgage bank is to be?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The limit has been fixed at Rs. 1,000 for the present as the object of the scheme is to relieve small debtors.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 484, Development, dated 1st April 1925, which has been placed on Editors' Table.

Veterinary.

Veterinary hospitals in North Arcot.

- * 236 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon, the Minister for Development be pleased to state—
- (a) how many veterinary hospitals are there in the North Arcot district, where they are located and when they were opened;
 - (b) how many cases are treated daily, on an average, in each hospital;
- (c) what is the annual cost of maintenance to Government for each hospital;
- (d) how long the surgeons have been in charge of each of the hospitals in the same place;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the surgeons have not sufficient work in their hospitals; and
- (f) whether it is a fact that many of these surgeons interfere in local politics?
 - A.—(a) There are Veterinary Hospitals at Vellore and Tiruvannamalai and a Veterinary dispensary at Ranipet. The hospitals at Vellore and Tiruvannamalai were opened on the 7th September 1907 and on the 14th November 1908 respectively. The dispensary at Ranipet was opened on 7th November 1914.

(b) The average daily attendance in each of these institutions during 1924-25 was—

40.30 in Vellore, 17.95 in Tiruvannamalai, 17.94 in Ranipet.

(c) Cost of maintenance of the institutions during 1924-25 was as follows:—

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